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Commissioner Jane Henney
FDA Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305)
5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061
Rockville, MD 20852

RE: Docket No. 00P-1211/CP1
RE: Docket No. 99N-4282


Dear Commissioner Henney:

As a citizen who is deeply concerned about my own health and the health of all America's citizens, I am writing to express my views about the FDA's role regarding genetically engineered products. It is my understanding that it is the legal function of the FDA to monitor premarket safety testing for consumable products. I am deeply concerned that genetically engineered products have not been subject to appropriate premarket safety testing, and I am perplexed as to how these products have managed to enter our food without receiving the necessary safety testing. I am hoping you can inform me as to why such an exception was made.

I am greatly concerned that the FDA is not requiring labeling of foods containing genetically engineered products. I am strongly invested in knowing the contents of the foods I eat, and it was my perception that the FDA has been responsible for monitoring labeling of food to provide full and accurate information to consumers. I am hoping you can inform me as to why such an exception was made.

At this time, I do not believe genetically engineered products have received the scientific scrutiny necessary to make a determination of safety, either for the consumer or the environment. Possibilities of concern regarding the effects of genetically engineered products include antibiotic resistance, allergic reactions, and the creation of new allergens and toxins. I would like to express my fervent support for FDA safety testing and labeling of genetically engineered products. I know you are hearing from many other consumers interested in improving food safety and consumer knowledge in regards to genetically engineered products. I am hoping for responsiveness to the consumers' concerns.

Sincerely,

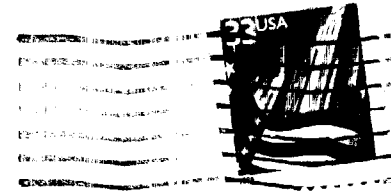

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